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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0699

On 25/07/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make a request for data, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you send me the following data available in your area on the following points, with figures to be broken down by month and to cover the period January 2023 to December 2023.

Please could you provide statistics for the number of vans reported broken in to and/or stolen (or had items stolen)

Please could you then provide the makes/models of vans most frequently targeted

I would like to request that the above information is provided to me in an Excel format please.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within 20 working days after you receive this email. I would be grateful if you could confirm if this may not be feasible.

Clarification was sent on 29/07/2024.

A response to the clarification was received on 29/07/2024 with the following:

Would you please be able to provide:

- the total number of offences for 'theft from Motor Vehicle'

- and separately the number of offences for 'theft from Motor Vehicle' with the keyword search of 'Van'?

Could you please provide the data for the 2023 calendar year, with the number of offences broken down by month?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations

Following receipt of your request, initial searches of the Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023 where the offence is recorded as:

Theft from Motor Vehicle

A filter has been then applied to the above offences where the MO freetext search contained the term 'Van'. The results are as follows:

Month and Year	Theft from Motor Vehicle	
	All	Van
Jan-23	110	8
Feb-23	87	10
Mar-23	97	8
Apr-23	109	11
May-23	112	6
Jun-23	101	12
Jul-23	148	22
Aug-23	165	20
Sep-23	154	29
Oct-23	174	18
Nov-23	130	14
Dec-23	126	18
Total	1513	176

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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